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TO : Executive
VIA : ADSO
FROM : Chief, FBZ

DATE: 11 April 1949

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ - LANGUAGE LESSONS

SUBJECT: [redacted] Language Lessons

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REFERENCE: Confidential Funds Branch Regulations dated 1 February 1949; Paragraph 10.1, Page 21

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25X1A9a 1. It is requested that permission be granted to Mr. John [redacted] our representative in [redacted] to take from station funds the amount of \$25.00 to pay for 20 lessons in the [redacted] language. 25X1A6a

25X1A6a 2. It is the position of this branch that such language study is operationally essential, and is justified to our satisfaction. In addition to the \$25.00 requested above, it is further requested that permission be granted to the Chief of Station, [redacted] to continue such language lessons utilizing operational funds, at a cost of approximately \$1.25 - \$2.00 per lesson, for a period of 10 months. At the end of this time, a review will be made to ascertain the operational necessity to continue such lessons.

25X1A6a 3. From now on it will probably be increasingly hazardous and difficult for Americans in [redacted] to conduct operations, which means that anything done must rely, despite loss of both security and efficiency, on [redacted] personnel. The consequence of this is to place a desired emphasis on the necessity of not constricting the field of possible operations to those few [redacted] who can speak usable English. 25X1A6a

25X1A6a 4. The Station Chief in [redacted] has a fair foundation in [redacted] as well as [redacted] but has not had the opportunity of steady practice and learning essential to facility in as difficult a language as [redacted]. It is therefore considered essential that our [redacted] representative become as expert as possible in [redacted], both to implement his current operations and to increase his effectiveness and potential value to future operations. 25X1A6a

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Deputy Chief, NEA: [redacted]

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AS approved and \$25.00 approved for 20 months at \$20.00 per month